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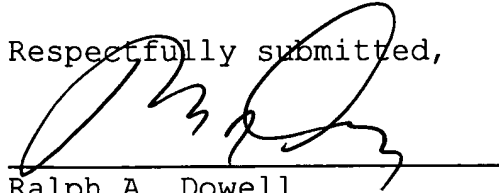
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Submitted herewith is a copy of a revised Power of Attorney which has been executed by all three inventors identified upon the initial filing of the application. When the application was originally filed, only two of the three inventors had signed the declaration. This declaration now reflects all three inventors have voluntarily signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

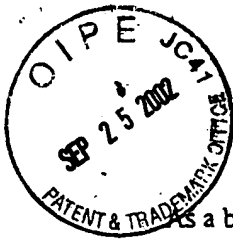
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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and (if applicable) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §§1.56(a) and (b), which state:

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- (b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and
- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
60/218,251	July 14, 2000

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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